



# The Word @ Home

Week of July 12, 2020

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

## Gathering

Begin your devotions by doing something to mark this time as “God time,” like lighting a candle or singing a song.

## Prayer of the Week

God, you plant your seeds of love in our hearts. Help us to understand your grace, endure difficulties, and not be distracted by everything around us so that we might spread your love to others. Amen.

## Daily Check-in

What brought you joy today? What made you feel troubled?

## Daily Bible Readings

Read aloud the Daily Bible Reading from the right. If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly Bible. You might find that the children’s Bible you are using may not include the story selected. Read to your kids anyway. Just pick a story!

## Discussion Starters

Jesus sometimes uses parables, or really short stories, to tell us about God and God’s kingdom. But sometimes they can be confusing. What do you understand in this parable? What confuses you?

## Praying Together

Remind each other of the joys and troubles you shared in the check-in. Pray for those.



## Blessing for the Week

End your devotions by tracing a cross on each person’s forehead or hand with their permission and saying: **Share seeds of God’s love.**

### Sunday

#### Read Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The parable of the sower.  
Find a seed in the kitchen or outside.  
Hold it while you listen to this passage.

### Monday

#### Read Psalm 92:1-15

God makes me glad.  
What are your favorite parts of the universe? Thank God for them!

### Tuesday

#### Read Ephesians 4:17–5:2

Instructions for godly living.  
Reread Ephesians 5:1-2. Play a short game of “follow the leader.”

### Wednesday

#### Read Proverbs 11:23-30

Seek good and avoid selfishness.  
Name one way you can be generous this week. Then, check in with each other!

### Thursday

#### Read Psalm 86:11-17

Teach me your way, God.  
Reread verse 15. What do you think that means? Repeat it several times.

### Friday

#### Read Hebrews 6:13-20

God’s promise is trustworthy.  
Talk about some promises you have made, both those you have kept and those you did not.

### Saturday

#### Read Luke 10:21-24

Know a tree by its fruits.  
Think of a time when someone deceived you. How did you react?